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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, TH, BM

SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT ON OPIUM DEAL OFFER TO CONGRESSMAN
WOLFF

REF: STATE 182553

1. WE HAVE CALLED ATTENTION OF BURMESE AMBASSADOR TO JACK
ANDERSON ARTICLE REPORTED REFTEL AND ASSURED HIM THAT USG
WAS NOT GOING TO GIVE ANY CONSIDERATION TO THE OFFER MADE
BY INSURGENT LEADERS TO CONGRESSMAN WOLFF. WE TOLD HIM
WE HAD EXPLAINED TO THE CONGRESSMAN AND WERE PREPARED TO
SAY PUBLICLY, IF ASKED BY THE PRESS, THAT IT WAS OUT OF THE
QUESTION THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER ANY SUCH DEAL THAT WOULD
VIOLATE BURMESE SOVEREIGNTY AND DISTURB THE GOOD RELATIONS
WE ENJOY WITH GUB. WE TOLD AMBASSADOR LWIN ALSO THAT WE
HAD ADVISED WOLFF THAT CONSIDERATION OF THE OFFER WAS
FURTHER RULED OUT BY OUR JUDGMENT THAT THE INDIVIDUALS WHO
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MADE THE OFFER WERE UNRELIABLE AND DID NOT HAVE THE POWER

TO CARRY OUT THE COMMITMENTS PROPOSED. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE HAD NOTED THAT ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS, LO HSING-HAN, IS NOW IN PRISON IN RANGOON AWAITING TRIAL. FINALLY, WE REAFFIRMED OUR POSITION THAT THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM IN THE SHAN STATE CAN BE EFFECTIVELY ATTACKED ONLY BY GUB EFFORTS, WITH SUCH SUPPORT AS WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE IN A PROPER MANNER.

2. LWIN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS ASSURANCE AND SAID HE WOULD REPORT IT TO RANGOON.

3. SUGGEST YOU CONVEY SIMILAR CATEGORICAL ASSURANCE TO GUB. RUSH

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